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2. Any vessel which, having cleared from Hongkong or any port in China, arrives in Siamese waters on or after the date of the present decree shall drop anchor at the said inspection station and shall stay there until such a time as the medical officer shall have boarded her and have given pratique.

3. No person other than the health officer or one of his assistants shall communicate from any ship coming from Hongkong or from any port in China with the land or from the land with such ship or from such ship with other ships or from other ships with such ship before she has received pratique.

4. The master or other person having the control of any vessel in quarantine shall give the health officer such information about the vessel and the voyage and the health of the crew and passengers and otherwise as the health officer may require, and shall answer fully and truly questions put to him by the health officer, and shall, if required by the health officer, furnish the necessary boats and appliances for the landing of the passengers or crew at the quarantine station, and shall, in a general way, give the health officer all necessary assistance to enable him to grant pratique to the vessel.

5. The health officer may board any vessel arriving in Siamese waters and inspect every person in the vessel. He may, if he thinks necessary, call for inspection of the ship's bills of health, emigration papers, or other documents which he may require to enable him to grant pratique, and he shall use every lawful means which to him may seem expedient for ascertaining the sanitary condition of the vessel and persons therein.

6. Any vessel which shall be so loaded as to be unable to pass over the bar at the entrance of the river Menam Chow Phya shall, in order to obtain permission to lighten or load at the outside anchorage of Koh-se-chang or of Anghin, give through the ship's agent in Bangkok to the health officer of the local government board previous written notice of the ship's expected arrival at such outside anchorage, and deliver to the customs officer stationed at outside anchorage a written declaration stating that no death from or case of bubonic plague has occurred on board from port of departure.

7. The health officer shall be, and is hereby, empowered to deal with all infected vessels and persons as he may think proper to prevent the spreading of the disease.

8. Any and all persons committing a breach of the present decree or assisting in any way in the commission of such breach, and the master, captain, or other person having the control of any vessel or boat on board of which such breach has been committed, or which has been in any way engaged in the commission of such breach, shall be severally liable to a fine not exceeding 2,000 ticals or to imprisonment not exceeding six months, or to both such punishments.

9. Any cost incurred by the Government in the maintenance of any person removed to the quarantine station shall be repaid by the agents of the vessel.

10. The execution of the present decree shall be and is hereby intrusted to the minister of the local government, with the full assistance of the naval department.

Done at Bangkok, September, 1904.

#### PANAMA.

#### *Report from Colon—Vessels cleared for United States.*

Acting Assistant Surgeon Mohr reports November 14, as follows:

During the week ended November 12, 1904, the following vessels cleared for ports in the United States and have been granted bills of health:

British steamship *Senator* for New Orleans, via Mexican ports, November 9, with 40 crew and 2 passengers.

American steamship *Advance* for New York, November 9, with 64 crew and 58 passengers.

Panaman schooner *Republic de Panama* for Mobile, November 12, with 9 crew and no passengers.

American steamship *City of Washington* for New York, November 10, with 64 crew and 2 passengers.

British steamship *Craigneuk* for Philadelphia, via Santiago, Cuba, November 11, with 23 crew and no passengers.

Spanish steamship *Manuel Calvo* for Ponce, P. R., via South American ports, November 12, with 121 crew and 116 passengers.

Norwegian steamship *Preston* for New Orleans, via Limon, C. R., November 12, with 29 crew and 14 passengers.

#### PORTO RICO.

##### *Reports for October from San Juan and subports—Vital statistics.*

Chief Quarantine Officer King reports, November 14, as follows:

Transactions at San Juan and the six subports of the island of Porto Rico for the month of October, 1904:

##### *San Juan.*

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| Number of vessels inspected.....              | 16 |
| Number of bills of health issued.....         | 27 |
| Number of vessels held in quarantine.....     | 3  |
| Number of persons detained in quarantine..... | 5  |

Vessels held in quarantine were the Red "D" Line steamers *Caracas* and *Philadelphia*, which arrived at this port from ports of Venezuela and Curaçao on October 5 and 19, respectively, and the Spanish steamer *Cataluna*, from Central and South American ports on October 21. These vessels were permitted to transact business under guard.

The general sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country is good, and there are no quarantinable diseases. The usual monthly report of vital statistics is herewith inclosed.

The following is a summary of the transactions at the six subports:

Number of vessels inspected at Mayaguez, 7 (1 of which was held in quarantine); at Arecibo, 2; at Humacao, 1; at Fajardo, 7; at Aguadilla, 2, and at Arroyo, 0.

The number of bills of health issued at the subports were as follows: Mayaguez, 14; Humacao, 0; Arroyo, 0; Arecibo, 3; Aguadilla, 6, and Fajardo, 9.

The report of vital statistics for October, 1904, shows 89 births and 95 deaths, 11 of which were from uncinariasis, 11 from anemia, 2 from cerebro-spinal meningitis, 2 from diphtheria, 1 from typhoid fever, 1 from pernicious malarial fever, and 8 from tuberculosis, at Mayaguez; 102 births and 102 deaths, 3 of which were from uncinariasis, 5 from pernicious anemia, 10 from anemia, malnutrition, 11 from bronchitis, 6 from tuberculosis, 1 from typhoid fever, and 2 from pneumonia, at Arecibo; 48 births and 42 deaths, 12 from anemia and 1 from tuberculosis, at Humacao; 53 births and 38 deaths, 4 from uncinariasis and 5 from tuberculosis, at Aguadilla; 49 births and 35 deaths, 3 from anemia, at Fajardo; and 25 births and 10 deaths, 3 from paludismo, and 1 from tuberculosis, at Arroyo.

##### *Vital statistics of San Juan, Porto Rico, for the month of October, 1904.*

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| Number of births reported..... | 80 |
| Number of stillborns.....      | 12 |
| Number of deaths reported..... | 64 |